

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger, comprising:

fixing elements comprising predetermined points of fracture, wherein:

at least one of the fixing elements comprises a first component ~~[[area]]~~ and a second component that form area with a quick-acting connection between the first component and second component of the at least one fixing element ~~these two areas~~,

in each case one of the two components ~~[[areas]]~~ is an inseparable component of the heat exchanger and the other component can be separated from the heat exchanger,

when the quick-acting connection is closed, the two components of the at least one fixing element ~~[[areas]]~~ engage positively with one another to provide ~~[[with]]~~ a fixing effect,

at least one of the two components of the at least one fixing element ~~the quick-acting connection of one of the two areas~~ is provided with at least one predetermined point of fracture, wherein the predetermined point is fracture is located in a member that forms a connection surface for the quick-action connection,

~~the connection means provided with~~ the at least one predetermined point of fracture is located on the component ~~[[area]]~~ which can be separated from the heat exchanger.

2. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first component ~~[[area]]~~ and the second component ~~[[area]]~~ of a fixing element in a quick-acting connection engage with one another in a manner of a dovetail connection.

3. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 2 wherein the predetermined point of fracture is provided at least in one ~~of a dovetail-forming web~~ that forms at least part of the dovetail connection for ~~[[of]]~~ the component ~~[[area]]~~ which can be separated from the heat exchanger.

4. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first component ~~[[area]]~~ and the second component ~~[[area]]~~ of the at least one ~~[[a]]~~ fixing element engage with one another in a telescopic manner.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein the component area of a quick-acting connection which can be separated from the heat exchanger is configured to be fixed in a complementary bearing of a support that supports the heat exchanger,

~~wherein~~ ~~Wherein~~ the component area of a quick-acting connection which can be separated from the heat exchanger includes a portion that projects to outside of the quick-acting connection to be joined to ~~for fixing in~~ the complementary bearing.

7. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat exchanger is provided ~~equally~~ with a plurality of quick-acting connections wherein:

a ~~the~~ first component ~~area~~ and a ~~the~~ second component ~~area~~ of a first fixing element in a quick-acting connection engage with one another in the manner of a dovetail connection; and

a ~~the~~ first component ~~area~~ and a ~~the~~ second component ~~area~~ of a second fixing element engage with one another in a telescopic manner.

8. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein a ~~the~~ first component ~~area~~ and a ~~the~~ second component ~~area~~ of a first fixing element in a quick-acting connection engage with one another in the manner of a dovetail connection and form a ~~forms the~~ connection to a lower support supporting the heat exchanger,

wherein a ~~the~~ first component ~~area~~ and a ~~the~~ second component ~~area~~ of a second fixing element engage with one another in a telescopic manner and form ~~forms~~ the connection to a corresponding upper support.

9. (Currently Amended) A heat exchanger, comprising:

a mounting between an upper support and a lower support lying roughly in a common vertical plane, wherein:

a first fixing element comprising a first component ~~area~~ and a second component, wherein the first component and the second component form ~~area of a first fixing element in a~~

quick-acting connection ~~engage~~ with one another in the manner of a dovetail connection and connect the heat exchanger to the lower support,

a second fixing element comprising a first component [[area]] and a second component, wherein the first component and the second component of the second fixing element ~~area of a second fixing element~~ engage with one another in a telescopic manner and connect the heat exchanger to the upper support,

in each case those components [[areas]] of the quick-acting connections which can be separated from the heat exchanger engage with the supports,

wherein the quick-acting connections include at least one predetermined point of fracture, wherein the predetermined point of fracture of the first fixing element and second fixing element are located in a member that forms a connection surface for the respective quick-action connection.

10. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first component [[area]] and the second component [[area]] of the second fixing element ~~engage with one another in a telescopic manner and~~ are separable components [[areas]] that are in each case designed as sleeves, wherein one of the first and second components of the second fixing element can ~~that can in each case~~ be pushed through the upper ~~associated~~ support onto an inseparable area of the other of the first and second components of the second fixing element which is ~~fixing elements~~ provided on the heat exchanger, the sleeves in this state being designed so as to be fixable in the upper ~~associated~~ support.

11. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 3, wherein the predetermined point of fracture is configured so that the quick-acting connection bursts open to break the quick-acting connection.

12. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 4, wherein the component [[area]] inseparable from the heat exchanger comprises a pin.

13. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 12, wherein the component [[area]] which can be separated from the heat exchanger comprises a sleeve.

14. (Currently Amended) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 13, wherein the predetermined point of fracture comprises at least one slit in the sleeve, wherein the slit completely penetrates the sleeve.

15. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 14, further comprising a cap configured to engage with the sleeve and a support configured to support the heat exchanger.

16. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a bearing ring configured to engage the pin and the sleeve.

17. (Currently Amended) A [[The]] heat exchanger, comprising: as claimed in claim 2,
fixing elements comprising predetermined points of fracture, wherein:
at least one of the fixing elements comprises a first component and a second
component that form a quick-acting connection between the first component and second
component of the at least one fixing element,

in each case one of the two components is an inseparable component of the heat
exchanger and the other component can be separated from the heat exchanger,

when the quick-acting connection is closed, the two components of the at least one
fixing element engage positively with one another to provide a fixing effect,

at least one of the two components of the at least one fixing element is provided with
at least one predetermined point of fracture,

the at least one predetermined point of fracture is located on the component which can
be separated from the heat exchanger,

the first component and the second component of a fixing element in a quick-acting
connection engage with one another in a manner of a dovetail connection,

wherein the component [[area]] which can be separated from the heat exchanger
includes a pair of webs that form a dovetail groove, wherein at least one of the webs includes
the predetermined point of fracture.

18. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 17, wherein the predetermined point of fracture is configured so that the quick-acting connection bursts open.

19. (Previously Presented) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat exchanger is configured for use in a motor vehicle.

20. (New) The heat exchanger as claimed in claim 17, wherein the predetermined point of fracture is located on an outer surface of the at least one web.